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MBFR VIENNA FOR PRESEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL TO BEGIN JULY 10

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN FROM TASS WIRE AS WELL AS WESTERN WIRE SERVICES THAT MFA PRESS DEPARTMENT RELEASED AFTERNOON OF JULY 7 ANNOUNCEMENT BY RSFSR SUPREME COURT THAT TRIAL OF SHCHARANSKIY FOR "HIGH TREASON IN THE FORM OF ESPIONAGE" WILL COMMENCE AT TEN A.M. MONDAY, JULY 10 AT THE PROLETARSKIY DISTRICT COURTHOUSE IN MOSCOW. ACCORDING TO THE TASS ITEM, BRIEFINGS FOR CORRESPONDENTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TRIAL WILL BE HELD TWICE DAILY IN ANOTHER MOSCOW COURTHOUSE.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ATTEMPT TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL MORNING OF JULY 10.

3. COMMENT: SOVIET TACTIC OF MINIMIZING ADVERSE
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FOREIGN REACTION TO TRIAL OF GINZBURG BY HOLDING IT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THAT OF SHCHARANSKIY IS OBVIOUS. INDEED, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT TRIALS OF MRS. SLEPAK (WHO HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL) AND ALEKSANDR PODRABINEK WILL ALSO BE HELD WEEK OF JULY 10. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SCHEDULED HIGH-LEVEL USG VISITS TO USSR (E.G.

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